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MEDIA BUREAU RECEIVES REQUEST BY ANALOG TELEVISION STATION IN THE UPPER 700 MHZ BAND TO CEASE ANALOG BROADCASTING, SURRENDER NTSC LICENSE, AND OPERATE AS A SINGLE CHANNEL, DIGITAL-ONLY TELEVISION STATION

In its Memorandum Opinion and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WT Docket No. 99-168, the Commission adopted the reallocation of the 746-764 and 776-794 MHz Spectrum Band (television channels 60-69) from use by television broadcasters to new uses on a flexible basis.¹ The Commission also stated that it would consider requests by incumbent broadcasters on channels 60-69 to voluntarily vacate their NTSC channels prior to the end of the DTV transition.²

The Media Bureau has received a request from WRNN License Company, LLC, the licensee of analog television station WRNN-TV, NTSC Channel 62, and permittee of digital television station WRNN-DT, Channel 48, Kingston, New York,³ for Commission authority to: (i) cease analog broadcasting on NTSC Channel 62 and surrender its license for the channel prior to the end of the DTV transition; and (ii) thereafter operate WRNN-DT as a single channel, digital-only television station on DTV Channel 48. This request is available for inspection at the Commission's Reference Center, 455 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554.

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¹ See Service Rules for the 746-764 and 776-794 MHz Bands, and Revisions to Part 27 of the Commission's Rules; Carriage of the Transmissions of Digital Television Stations; Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television, 15 FCC Rcd 20845 (2000),

² *Id.* at 20869-72.

³ Facility ID 74156.